

REMARKS

In the subject Office Action, claims 1-3, 19-21, 24 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Radziewicz (USP 5854897). Claims 4, 6-11, 13-18, 22-23, 25 and 30 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Radziewicz further in view of Gabber (USP 5961593) and Rondeau (USP 5850433).

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 19-21, 24 and 29 of the present application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Radziewicz having a filing date of December 27, 1996. Although the present application has a filing date of March 14, 1997, Applicants submit herewith a declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 (unsigned), showing a conception date of at least as early as September 23, 1996, thereby rendering Radziewicz an ineligible prior art reference. Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, rejections based on Radziewicz under 35 U.S.C. §102 are to be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 4, 6-11, 13-18, 22-23, 25 and 30 of the present application were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Radziewicz in view of Gabber and Rondeau. Given that Radziewicz is not a proper prior art reference, as described above, Applicants submit that neither Gabber nor Rondeau alone or in combination render the present application unpatentable.

Gabber is cited for teaching a method of removing the mark up requests before forwarding the request to the target server, and Rondeau is cited for teaching additional

content including an option for making a telephone call without requiring provision of a telephone number by a user and termination of current client system to network communication; automatically establishing a telephone to PSTN hand set; providing an URL hypertext link to the client system so that the client can access the web site of additional content by clicking on the hot spot of such underlined link, an image etc. . .

Whether or not Gabber and Rondeau teach that which they are cited for teaching, neither Gabber nor Rondeau teach all the elements of independent claims 1, 19 and/or 24 as well as dependent claims 2-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-23, 25 and 29-30. More specifically with reference to claim 1, neither Gabber nor Rondeau, together or alone, teach a method practiced on a *bridge server*, which is required to include *receiving by the bridge server from a client a request for content targeting a network server, and providing by said bridge server, in response to said received request, additional content to the client system, in addition to the requested content to be provided by the network server.*

Thus, in light of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-25 and 29-30 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Examiner grant allowance of such claims.

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